

CLAIMS

1. A process for fabricating a semiconductor structure, comprising:
depositing a nitride layer on a semiconductor substrate with a first tool,
wherein the nitride layer comprises silicon and nitrogen; and
depositing an anti-reflective layer on the semiconductor substrate with the
first tool.
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2. The process of claim 1, wherein the depositing of the nitride layer occurs
before the depositing of the anti-reflective layer.
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3. The process of claim 1, wherein the depositing of the anti-reflective layer
occurs before the depositing of the nitride layer.
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4. The process of claim 1, wherein the depositing of the nitride layer
comprises reacting SiH₂Cl₂ and NH₃.
5. The process of claim 4, wherein the volumetric flow rate ratio for
SiH₂Cl₂:NH₃ is from 0.3:1 to 5:1.
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6. The process of claim 1, wherein the nitride layer comprises silicon
deficient nitride.
7. The process of claim 1, wherein the nitride layer comprises silicon rich
nitride.
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8. The process of claim 1, wherein the nitride layer comprises a graded silicon
nitride layer.

9. The process of claim 1, wherein the depositing of the anti-reflective layer comprises reacting SiH₂Cl₂, NH₃, and N₂O.

10. The process of claim 1, wherein the anti-reflective layer comprises silicon
5 oxynitride.

11. The process of claim 1 further comprising depositing an oxide layer on the semiconductor substrate with a second tool, wherein the first tool and the second tool are the same.

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12. The process of claim 11, wherein the depositing of the oxide layer comprises reacting SiH₂Cl₂ and N₂O.

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13. The process of claim 1, wherein the first tool comprises a low-pressure chemical vapor deposition tool or a plasma-enhanced chemical vapor deposition tool.

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14. A process for fabricating a semiconductor device, comprising:
forming a semiconductor structure by the process of claim 1; and
forming a semiconductor device from the semiconductor structure.

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15. A process for making an electronic device comprising:
forming a semiconductor device by the process of claim 14; and
forming the electronic device comprising the semiconductor device.

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16. A process for fabricating a semiconductor structure comprising:
depositing a nitride layer on a semiconductor substrate in a sealed chamber,
wherein the nitride layer comprises silicon and nitrogen; and
depositing an anti-reflective layer on the semiconductor substrate in the
sealed chamber, wherein the depositing of the nitride layer and the depositing of
the anti-reflective layer are both performed without opening the sealed chamber.

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17. The process of claim 16, wherein the depositing of the nitride layer occurs before the depositing of the anti-reflective layer.

5 18. The process of claim 16, wherein the depositing of the anti-reflective layer occurs before the depositing of the nitride layer.

19. The process of claim 16, wherein the depositing of the nitride layer comprises reacting SiH₂Cl₂ and NH₃.

10 20. The process of claim 16, wherein the nitride layer comprises silicon deficient nitride.

15 21. The process of claim 16, wherein the nitride layer comprises silicon rich nitride.

22. In a process for fabricating a semiconductor structure wherein a nitride layer is deposited on a semiconductor substrate in a sealed chamber, wherein the nitride layer comprises silicon and nitrogen, and wherein an anti-reflective layer is deposited on the semiconductor substrate in the sealed chamber, the improvement comprising:

depositing the nitride layer and the anti-reflective layer on the semiconductor substrate without opening the sealed chamber.

25 23. In a process for fabricating a semiconductor structure wherein a nitride layer is deposited on a semiconductor substrate with a first tool, wherein the nitride layer comprises silicon and nitrogen, and wherein an anti-reflective layer is deposited on the semiconductor substrate using a second tool, the improvement comprising:

30 depositing both the nitride layer and the anti-reflective layer on the semiconductor substrate with the first tool.